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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005 setting a three-month period for response.

A petition payment for an additional three-months to respond to the Office Action and payment of the appropriate fee is concurrently filed.

The Amendments of the Claims begin on *page 2*. The Amendments to the Claims are made without prejudice to Applicant's right to further prosecute claims of similar scope.

Remarks begin on *page 5*.

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